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THE CASE FOR -- AND AGAINST -- ALIEN ORIGIN OF SOME CROP CIRCLES By Bill McNeff, State Director, Minnesota MUFON

Last weekend I saw the movie "Signs". It of course deals with so-called "crop circles", which should really be called crop patterns, since many have non-circular features. In the category of science fiction thriller, I'll give it a generally excellent rating. I didn't like the violence, but this is par for Hollywood. And I must disagree with one of the main premises of the plot. Any aliens advanced enough to come here would have already solved the problem of their food supply. They would be able to synthesize anything they needed to eat, out of basic elements. We already know how to do this in principle.

The movie is on more solid ground when it implies that the crop patterns laid down by the aliens are signs or guideposts. It has been speculated that, if at least some of the crop patterns are produced by aliens, one of their purposes is to provide markers for time traveling. The "signs" may allow them to double check that they are back to a certain time and place. Indications are that they have some problems doing this; some alleged abductees report that they were returned to a different place from where they were taken.

A lot has been written about crop patterns and some may be tired of the subject. But we should never get tired of a genuine mystery. The case for and against some crop patterns being the result of alien activity must hinge on the evidence.

It is known that many patterns are hoaxed. John Sawicke, who visited crop patterns in England, writes, "I would say that every formation I was in was man made, with the possible exception of one, or possibly two (out of about 40 formations). The formations I was in were all the primary formations that were making the news back in 1991 and 1992."

However, one thing that impressed me about some formations, as seen on videos, was that a layer of stalks would be raised up and a layer underneath would have stalks going in a different direction. This was done in such a complex and uniform way that I thought humans would have had great difficulty achieving this. John Sawicke writes:

"The layering that 'researchers' find, can happen accidentally during the process of tromping down the crops with whatever manual device is being used. I remember during the crop circle contest (1992), conducted in the dead of night (no moon) that Jim Schnabel had created affects in his formation that genuinely puzzled the judges of the



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contest. When they asked him how he was able to create the affect they had found in his formation he told them that he "... wasn't aware that he had created it", meaning that what they found was a random side-affect from his process of creating the crop formation. I have, however, found peculiar 'layering' that I thought would be improbable in just a random process of laying the crop down. Which is why I still hold out some probability that something unusual may be happening in some of the formations."

Extremely narrow rings on the order of two to four inches wide have here have also been found. The widest part of my shoe is four inches wide. These rings might be produced with a board on a boom, etc. so they probably can't be considered proof of anything.

Another issue is that of stalks bent with a radius of a few inches instead of being crimped (bent at nearly a right angle). A mature, brittle wheat stalk bent overnight with a small radius should be considered evidence that something highly unusual has taken place. I have seen videos of this. But Sawicke writes:

"Examples of stalks that were bent without crimping are rare. I saw 3 stalks, one which I found myself in a formation that I found before the 'researchers' did (you may recall the video I showed MUFON [which was] taped during the actual 'discovery'), and the other two at conferences. All three were isolated instances in a sea of crimped stalks (i.e. sharp bend). The formation I found my example in was formed in June when the wheat was still green. Green stalks have a better chance of bending, instead of crimping, when pressed down but still you would have to look through a lot of stalks before you found one that had a bend in it instead of a crimp. Bending at the node is in fact more common than a 'perfect bend'. Green stalks will bend at the node under a strong wind and later will make another right angle turn at the next node in order to grow in a perpendicular direction from the ground, when resuming it's growth. This was pointed out to me by Richard Andrews and I saw many examples."

The best evidence for the alien origin of some crop patterns is:

1. Changes in germination of the seeds taken from patterns versus the controls. In some cases,

germination was better; in others, worse. But there were statistically significant differences.

2. Significant differences between plants grown from the seed from patterns compared to the controls.

3. Lengthening of nodes from stalks in the patterns.

4. The presence of "blowouts" in the nodes, indicating heating of the moisture in the node by something like microwaves.

5. Apparent charring on the inside of the stalks. I have seen this on cornstalks taken from a Minnesota formation. The Burke-Leavengood-Talbot (BLT) team has documented the above points.

6. Meteoric iron, which had been imbedded in the stalks in a molten state. (The air at all times contains iron oxide dust from the small meteorites which constantly bombard our atmosphere.) This is well documented in an article in the Journal for Scientific Exploration.

It has been theorized by some that some of the crop patterns have been produced by microwaves or lasers from U.S. satellites. There are good reasons why this is highly unlikely. Simple microwaves, be they phased array or tight beam, can not account for all the effects seen in the most interesting crop circles. Microwaves could conceivably heat up moisture in the nodes and cause the "blowouts", and melt the meteoric dust in the air. But they could not accelerate the molten dust into the plant stalks as has been found in several cases. And they can not cause the stalks to lay down so precisely.

For these things, you need forces of some kind. Don't forget the poor flattened porcupine that was found in a crop circle in Canada. The Army's laser communication system could not blow nodes, melt meteoric dust or flatten a porcupine. Even if you had a satellite that could produce a combined microwave and force pattern, the satellite is still moving at about 18,000 mph. The power would have to be very high and the pulses very short, or "smearing" would result. Calculations of this could be made, but I strongly suspect that a stationary platform is required for such precise patterns. If the U.S. has such a microwave/force system, it must be highly secret, and based on principles not generally known to science.

7. The presence of an unusual compound on the ground in at least one crop circle. This one, again in Minnesota, crystallized into roughly spiral crystals. Analysis showed the elements making up the substance, but the exact compound remains unknown.

8. The presence of mysterious small moving lights or lighted objects videotaped over and in crop patterns, and brilliant beams of light which come down from the sky, apparently producing the crop patterns discovered immediately afterward.

9. The presence of geometric theorems, not known to earthly mathematicians, implied by some of the crop patterns. This is documented in "Science News" for February 1, 1992, the cover of which shows the 200 foot triangular pattern created during the night of July 17, 1991, in a wheat field near Barbury Castle in southern England. In the cover story, astronomer Gerald Hawkins argues that certain arrangements of these patterns have definite mathematical properties suggesting previously unknown theorems in Euclidean geometry. He discovered five new theorems based on crop patterns.

Hawkins assumes that hoaxers produced these patterns. But he says, "One has to admire this sort of mind, let alone how it's done or why it's done." The article states that to conceive of an original Euclidean theorem is a challenging task. Now, over ten years later, no one has come forward to claim credit.

Based on the points of evidence above, it seems reasonable to me to believe that some crop patterns could be and probably are the work of aliens.

[*John Sawicke comments:* I think you've put together a pretty good summary of the crop circle issues. That these might be 'time stamps' is an interesting theory. I might point out that the formation alluded to in #5 was the formation that appeared in Hutchinson Minnesota around 1990. It was not a crop circle like those found in England because it did not involve laid down crop. It was a formation created by the 'shearing' off of the crop, in this case American corn, by a process that left the crop stem charred as if the shearing process involved a very hot cutting implement. A swath 40 feet wide was cut into the corn as if something had descended into the crop, coming from the north, and shearing off the stalks as it descended, creating

about a 60 foot long path. The crops first showed shearing just at the tassels and then progressively further down the stalk as the shearing device moved south into the crop descending to about a foot off the ground after about 60 feet. The shearing then proceeded in a 'rounded left hand turn' which caused the resultant formation to look like the figure of a question mark. I talked to the farmer that owned the field and he told me that the formation had occurred in green crop judging by the maturity of the tassels that had been severed (they didn't find the formation until the fall during harvesting time). He also told me that if you took a blow torch to a green corn stalk it would take you a very long time to cut through it, and dismissed the possibility that kids had taken blow torches out into the field cutting off each individual stalk to produce the effect. He said it would have taken them days, if not weeks to produce the formation. Another peculiar observation the farmer had made was the length of the severed stalks didn't add up to the total height of the plant. It was as if about 1.5 feet were missing or 'vaporized' by the formation process.]

Draft Of Top Secret UFO Memo Now Public by Grant Cameron

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Through the diligent research efforts of York University researcher Nick Balaskas, a draft of the original "Project Magnet" Top Secret Memo has been recovered from the Archives at the University of Ottawa. The Balaskas discovery not only backs up the contents of what was found in the Top Secret document declassified by the Canadian government in 1979, it adds two new pages to the three researchers were already aware of.

Wilbert Smith, Senior Radio Engineer in the Canadian Department of Transport, wrote the original Top Secret memo to his superiors in November 1952. The memo was the beginning of the Canadian government official program to investigate flying saucer. Wilbert Smith headed up that investigation from December 1950 to August 1954.

The existence of the Top Secret draft in the Wilbert Smith UFO files is part of the reason that the Canadian government was forced to declassify the Top Secret memo held in their files. Wilbert Smith left the draft in the files to give future researchers

the truth of what had actually happened in the early days of government investigation into flying saucers. Dying of cancer, Smith made arrangement with his wife to hide the files so they would survive his death. "They will be coming to recover them," he told his wife Murl.

As Smith predicted the Canadians, Americans, and Soviets approached Mrs. Smith requesting the files for research purposes. Mrs. Smith told all callers she no longer had the files. After a number of break-ins that might have been linked to the search for the files, the files were passed on to Arthur Bray, a local Ottawa researcher, who held them quietly for over two decades.

Bray was aware of the Top Secret memo draft, but was unable to say anything because the copy in the Smith files was still marked Top Secret. Bray held a Navy security clearance and was forced to remain quiet. Bray, aware of what was in the files, did however lead the charge to force the government to release all the "Project Magnet" files held by the government. He wrote letters to government ministers and officials telling them where the files would be found.

The "Project Magnet" Top Secret memo is the key document in the large Smith collection of UFO material, now stored in the archives at the University of Ottawa. In the memo, Smith outlined five key items about flying saucers that he had discovered while in discussions with top U.S. officials working on the flying saucer problem. These were:

- 1) The matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States Government, rating higher than even the H-bomb.
- 2) Flying saucers exist.
- 3) Their modus operandi is unknown but concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Vannevar Bush.
- 4) The entire matter is considered by the United States authorities to be of tremendous significance.
- 5) The United States authorities are investigating along quite a number of lines, which might possibly be related to the saucers such as mental phenomena.

The two newly discovered pages of the November 1952 memo are titled "Project Magnet" and are classified in the draft as "Secret." The new pages read as follows:

Purpose

This project is for the purpose of studying magnetic phenomena, particularly those phenomena resulting from unusual boundary conditions in the basic electromagnetic field. There is reason to believe their discovery will open up a new and useful technology.

Organization

The initial organization shall be as small as practical and composed of personnel who are used to working together, including so far as possible a variety of research abilities. Laboratory facilities are to be drawn from existing facilities so far as possible. Overall responsibility for the project shall rest with the engineer-in-charge, who shall delegate such responsibility to subordinates as maybe required to carry out the project.

Program

The initial program shall include the following avenues of investigations, to which others may be added from time to time as may appear expedient.

1. Theoretical study of electromagnetic radiation assuming boundary conditions different from those upon which the conventional theory was developed.
2. Laboratory study of mechanical forces associated with electron drift and electric currents in metallic masses.
3. Theoretical and laboratory study of magnetic domain resonance conditions in magnetic materials.
4. Investigation of the propagation of magnetic wave motion in magnetic materials.
5. Investigate the possibility of producing, an effect, a "sink" in a magnetic field.
6. Investigate the possibility of producing, in effect, single isolated magnetic poles.
7. Investigate the effects of a magnetic field on a rotating curvilinear metallic object.

Coordination

Full coordination is to be maintained, within security regulations, with other groups working on a parallel or associated problems. Project reports will be available on a classified basis to suitably accredited groups of individuals.

Security

As in the case with most fields of research, it is impossible to assess the results in advance, which might be obtained through this project. However, there exist certain suspicions that the lesser-known and little explored aspects of magnetism may hold the key to a new and significant technology. Consequently, it is intended to classify this work in its entirety until such time as it can be assessed for its impact on our civilization. Full Document at:

http://www.presidentialufo.com/top_secret_draft.htm

Investigation Casts Light on the Mysterious Flying Black Triangle By Leonard David 05 August 2002

http://www.space.com/business/technology/technology/black_triangle_020805.html

They are big, black, and triangular. In UFO folklore they are proof-positive that planet Earth is a rest stop for joyriding, but road-weary, extraterrestrials.

A just released study by the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS), based in Las Vegas, Nevada, sheds new light on the dark and mysterious craft. They offer a more down-to-earth hypothesis. NIDS researchers contend that these type vehicles are lighter-than-air, blimp-style craft of the U.S. military's making. Likely powered by "electrokinetic" drive, the lifting body-shaped airships have been skirting the skies from perhaps the early to mid 1980s.

Illinois sighting

NIDS has followed up on their study of last year that correlated sightings of large triangular or delta-shaped objects with Air Force Materiel Command and Air Mobility Command bases throughout the United States. Matches were made suggesting flight paths in and out of certain base locations.

The new assessment focuses on what four police officers, and more than a dozen others observed on January 5, 2000: A large, silent, low-flying black triangular shaped object. It flew on a southwesterly direction between Highland, Illinois and Dupo,

located less than 30 miles (48 kilometers) from St. Louis, Missouri. Part of the flight path took the enormous object near the perimeter of Scott Air Force Base.

NIDS does not come up with definite conclusion regarding the origin of the object sighted in Illinois. However, the reports jibe with over 150 separate reports of sightings of large triangular or deltoid shaped objects. Those eyewitness accounts, accumulated by NIDS, have mainly come from the United States. A small number of the sightings they have on file come from Canada and Europe.

Ballooning expectations

To bolster their case about military airships being taken for UFOs, analysts at NIDS make a historical note. Lighter-than-air vehicles held all records for payload, distance, duration, and altitude within the first four decades of the 20th century - even with the advent of the airplane. In fact, save for rocket-powered research aircraft, like the X-15 and the space shuttle, all absolute altitude records are still held by high-altitude scientific balloons.

NIDS makes the case that Big Black Deltas, or BBDs, are U.S. Defense Department airships. They are so large they can carry massive payloads at low altitudes, cruising at speeds three to five times as fast as surface ships. Among a range of NIDS observations, the group believes the BBDs are powered by electrokinetic/field drives, or airborne nuclear power units. These craft also fly at extreme altitudes, high above conventional aircraft and the pulsing of ground-based traffic control radar.

Electrokinetic propulsion means that no propellers or jets are used. A hybrid lighter-than-air craft would rely on aerostatic, lift gas, like a balloon. No helicopter-like downwash would be produced. Except for a slight humming from high-voltage control equipment -- and in older BBD versions an occasional coronal discharge -- a Big Black Delta makes no noise.

Given a slew of BBD capabilities -- from silent running, diminished drag, elimination of sonic shockwaves, to operation from ground level to full vacuum -- NIDS calls for pushing this black world technology out into daylight for commercial benefit.

Wheat from the chaff

"What we're trying to do is transform unidentified flying objects, UFOs, into IFOs, or identified flying objects," said Colm Kelleher, deputy administrator

for NIDS. "We want to limit the number of cases that are unidentified in our data base. The more that are identified, obviously the less we have to work on. That's our prime motivation & to eliminate the wheat from the chaff," Kelleher told SPACE.com.

NIDS has amassed some 1,000 cases that are under review. Of those, about 200 are Big Black Delta sightings. In the last year or two, BBD reports have been on the rise. Kelleher said that military may well be ready to take the wraps off the black triangle vehicles. The Illinois case, for instance, has been built on hours of public views of the mystery airship. "That's not exactly stealth mode. It's inevitable that it will be declassified," he said.

Leaping across the sky

"There appears to be an increase in deployment of these vehicles," Kelleher said. "The only time you see these things are when they are leaving or coming in. A lot of these sightings are at night. Our information is that they spend a long time aloft, weeks at a time. They can be thought of as ocean-going ships, rather than aircraft," he said.

Over the years, the BBDs appear to fall into different size categories. "The ones that dominate our database are very, very large. They are low-flying, silent, and are reported to be about the size of a football field," Kelleher said.

The BBDs have been seen accelerating very rapidly from a hovering position. "They can look as though they are leaping across the sky. Being silent, it's almost spooky," Kelleher said.

Heavy lifting

L. Scott Miller, professor of Aerospace Engineering at Wichita State University in Wichita, Kansas, said the idea of a large, still-classified airship floating about is on the mark. "I do think that a large airship, with a heavy lift and other mission objectives, has been built," Miller told SPACE.com. Miller is also a distinguished lecturer of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), and specializes in black aircraft and the world of secret flight.

The NIDS research documentation parallels, about 50 percent of the time, a theory that Miller has detailed in his AIAA talks for some two years. "Lockheed has shown a great deal of interest in airships for many years. The real question is

whether the Department of Defense has committed to buy and use such machines," Miller said.

Stealth blimp

"Large airships are of benefit to the military. They are capable of carrying extremely large and heavy payloads at a reasonable speed, for which there is a real mission need," Miller said.

The U.S. airlift fleet is getting old, taking a great beating in the last 10 years in such locales as Iran, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Afghanistan. Some new aircraft are making it into the inventory, but they still have limits. For instance, to move loads of tanks and other gear requires lots of flights and support.

"An airship that could carry a large number of tanks, troops, and supplies into a region overnight would be fantastic," Miller said. Miller does take issue with the NIDS study's view of a black triangle's propulsion. "Interesting, but I'm not sure it is necessary," he said. "I suspect that a neutrally buoyant aerodynamically lifting airships using conventional prop-rotor systems would be useful in implementing a practical airship design," Miller said. Such a vehicle could be a cross between the V-22 Osprey -- a craft having short wings and thrust vectoring rotors -- and a blended wing aircraft, he said.

Miller said that by careful shaping, the systems used, and carefully orchestrating operational procedures, the vulnerability of an airship in a combat environment could be reduced. "Low altitude flights, at night, and an awareness of enemy capabilities would be critical. Indeed, slow flight at the right time can render enemy radar useless. A 'stealth blimp' would be feasible in this respect," Miller said.

Black world wizardry

Still, the true nature and use of the black triangle craft remains a head scratcher. "I suspect that the people in Illinois saw an airship of some type. Is it operational? I don't know. Would it be 'sexy enough' for the Defense Department inventory, compared to other high-tech aircraft like the B-2? I don't know," Miller said.

"Each sighting requires a great deal of analysis. A witness's perceptions of speed, acceleration, and size are likely of very little value," Miller said. "I have taken an approach of first identifying needs -- or mission requirements -- and technology

availability. Then I compare those with the cold raw, simple facts of a sighting, not the conjecture or guess work of a witness," he said.

"I suspect that, as a result, perhaps up to 30 percent of the recent 'Triangle UFO' sightings are of black world aircraft, jets or airships," Miller concluded.

After-Effects of Alien Abductions by Richard Moss, MN MUFON ASD

At the 2001 MUFON Symposium in Irvine CA Budd Hopkins did a presentation on late developments concerning the Linda Cortile case. In the Proceedings he had written a paper titled UFO Abductions and their After-Effects, which will be summarized in this necessarily short article.

Hopkins is a UFO abduction researcher known to almost anyone who has studied the phenomenon. To date he has written three books and is working on a fourth. Budd founded the Intruders Foundation in 1989 which is a not-for-profit organization devoted to research and public education concerning alien abductions.

The main premise of his article in the Proceedings is that the actions of aliens on humans can produce a sense of fear, self-doubt and paranoia. How this is accomplished is described in terms of five after-effects of abductions. The first of these is called the "funnel effect," a term coined by David Jacobs. Upon first finding out that there may be aliens in a person's life, he/she begins to suspect that everything might be UFO-related. Aspects of everyday life suddenly seem strange and they become collected, as through a funnel, into the heart of one's fear of UFOs.

A second effect is called the "Mickey & Baby Ann Syndrome." This is peculiar to adults who, as children, were brought together by aliens seemingly interested in how human children form a friendship and perhaps how it later becomes a sexual attachment. When an abductee discovers that she/he is part of an alien bonding study that overrides their own choices, many fears and doubts are created.

A third effect is the "chronic fatigue syndrome." If a person has a lengthy abduction at night, and memory of it is blocked, the person will probably be tired the next day and not know why. But, if

nighttime anxiety develops, sleeping disorders may occur and insomnia would be the result.

A fourth after-effect is that of "government harassment." Experiencers are particularly suspicious of the government and many fear that they could suffer harassment or surveillance as a result of their UFO experiences. Based on sheer numbers, Hopkins believes that there is little rationale for this phobia.

If the number of abductees in America is truly in the millions, there is no way that even a small fraction of them could be placed under government surveillance. But, with the previously- mentioned "funnel effect" at work, many abductees are sure that every click on the telephone means that the CIA is listening in. Add to this is the notion that many who believe they are under surveillance feel important and are actually reluctant to abandon their paranoia.

A fifth effect might correctly be dubbed "serious concerns." If one has been abducted in the past, it is likely to happen again. And if one has children, they may also be abductees. Budd takes the point of view that worrying about future abductions is sort of like being an epileptic and spending all day worrying about the next seizure. But, however unwelcome abductions may be, the person is always returned.

Needless to say, it is difficult for abductees to downplay their concerns. Courage, optimism, and a little humor are needed along with reliable information as opposed to foolish rumors and conspiracy mania.

The second part of his paper deals with human development and abductions during infancy, early childhood, play age, and school age. Hopkins uses the developmental model of psychologist Erik Erikson as a basis for discussing the effects of abductions during a child's early years.

Infancy is defined as the first year in which the goal is to develop hope and trust. Assuming the child is a girl, she must learn to trust the arms which reach out for her. She must come to understand that these arms offer love, comfort, and warmth. The main obstacle to achieving this goal is the possible presence of distrust. If abductions begin in infancy we must assume that the experiences might create distrust and be an obstacle to later development.

Parents of infant abductees have described their babies screaming in terror at being put down into their cribs. Their fear sometimes seems focused on a nearby window. Since a window is the usual "port of departure," this behavior is no surprise. A child, old enough to speak, pointing to a window saying, "Monsters daddy, monsters," might be confirming earlier abductions.

Infants have been found lying on the floor outside their cribs sometimes nude or with their pajamas on backwards. Cuts and scoop marks are sometimes on their bodies. Some mothers have reported that they cannot put on their sunglasses without causing near-panic in pre-verbal children. One might surmise that seeing mommy change into a person with large and dark eyes means that not even she can be trusted. A deficit in some adult abductees is their problem with trusting others. According to Erikson, if trust is weakened, a child's later ability to feel hope is seriously impaired.

Early childhood comprises years two and three in which the goal is to achieve autonomy. Obstacles are shame and self-doubt. Because children become verbal during this time, researchers have learned a lot about early abductions. Children will describe their experiences with statements such as, "They wouldn't let me move," or "I couldn't run away and call Daddy for help," or "I was stuck."

Alien procedures during this time might create shame and doubt which oppose the quest for autonomy during early childhood. Losing control of their bodies during abductions can hinder the development of a healthy will. If young abductees are paralyzed, floated out of their homes and then subjected to invasive procedures, they will be unable to achieve a sense of robust autonomy and self-control.

Play age comprises years three to five with children indulging in a fantasy world of make-believe. Invented scenarios take residence in their highly inventive minds. Their goal is to achieve a sense of purpose. At this point aliens begin to play mental games with them, possibly with the goal of making them more tractable (easily led). They can present themselves as both good and bad aliens, thereby working themselves into the child's favor while carrying out their invasive procedures.

One example involved a little girl who was terrified of the little people who took her to see the doc. But, when she reached play age and was more verbal,

her attitude changed. She was no longer afraid of one of the little men who now had become her best friend. She liked him because he talked to her and said he loved her. From an alien point of view playing good-alien-bad-alien made her more controllable. Abductions were made to seem "fun" rather than terrifying.

One woman recalled, under hypnosis, an incident that occurred when she was four or five years old. In the middle of the night she was awakened by a presumed group of "children" at her window. After joining them they played a game during which they walked up the ramp of a large object on the beach. She ended up on a table and felt a sharp pain in her leg. She was then taken back to her cottage bedroom with a wound on her calf and a sense of having been tricked. She felt cheated and was angry.

After her "playmates" left she went to the window and observed a quick flash of light as the UFO left. Oddly, despite her previous emotions, she now felt both sad and lonely as if her friends had abandoned her. She wished they had taken her along.

Apparently, the aliens' ability to artificially induce affection and a sense of connection is so strong that even double-dealing behavior, physical pain and scarring can be overridden.

There are many older abductees suffering from both the physical and mental scars of abductions who speak warmly of their abductors. Hopkins attributes this to the subtle verbal and neurological conditioning they received during their play-age years. Here, the seeds are carefully sown and cultivated until many abductees come to believe that they truly are star children with a glorious future. But, they also say that they have always lacked a purpose in their lives.

School age covers the years between six and thirteen. Here, children should be achieving a sense of competence. However, those who are abductees described themselves as loners and not very popular with schoolmates.

This is also a period of sexual latency which will change with the onset of puberty. What, then, are the psychological consequences to those who are undergoing alien reproductive procedures during this time? Would this not be as injurious as human sexual exploitation? While other children play together and do their schoolwork, gradually

acquiring competence and pride, abductee children are filled with emotional conflict and tend to become isolated. They confuse the fact that something is wrong with the idea that something is wrong with them. A sense of guilt and sinking self-esteem are the aliens' legacy.

This has been an abbreviated review of Budd Hopkins' article in the Proceedings which was fifteen pages in length. Some of it is given verbatim and some is paraphrased. In it, he elaborates on each of the issues addressed here and has some things to say at the end about how people can help abductees deal with the aftermath of their experiences.

Readers who wish to read the entire paper, and those of the other presenters at the MUFON 2001 International UFO Symposium, can obtain a copy from MUFON, PO Box 369, Morrison CO 80465-0369. Include payment of \$27.50, which covers postage.

Lloyd V. Berkner, Member of MJ-12? By William McNeff, MN MUFON SD

The famous "MJ-12 Eisenhower Briefing Document", allegedly leaked from secret files, lists members of a committee of twelve directors of the investigations of crashed alien craft. One of these is Lloyd Berkner.

As a "collector" or "pack rat", whichever term fits the best, I had saved the 50th Anniversary Proceedings of the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE) to which I belonged for several years. The Proceedings, issued in 1962, was devoted to a series of articles giving the author's ideas about the state of science in general, and engineering in particular, 50 years from 1912, or the year 2012. Included were two articles by Lloyd Berkner, who was that year President of the IRE.

Berkner's first article was titled "IRE -- The First 50 Years". He traced the history of science beginning with the Babylonians. He summarized this history up to 1938, mentioning that Hahn and Strassmann discovered atomic fission in that year. Then he jumps to 1948 and says that Shannon elaborated information theory. There is no mention of the invention of the transistor in Dec. 1947! Was this a deliberate omission on his part, knowing that this was a "discovery" from an alien craft, not an "invention" as is commonly believed? At that point

in time the importance of the transistor was well known.

His second article is titled "Space -- 2012". In it he describes a meeting of the "Lunar" section of the IRE in 2012 on one of two bases on the moon. He mentions "Martian and Venetian LASER communication and navigational links" and describes details such as powers and frequencies. He talks about the development of the Lunar facilities, and preparations for landing on a Jovian moon. He mentions a 1500 inch reflector telescope "that easily penetrates right around the universe."

At length he writes, "I have just received a Laser report from the party that landed on Mars last month...They find surprisingly well-developed plant life in extraordinary forms. More interesting is their preliminary finding of some evidence of an ancient civilization, perhaps a billion years ago when free water and oxygen were evidently available in considerable quantities on the planet. Seemingly the present organisms have evolved to use oxygen and water from the rocks...this analysis of a completely foreign biology is adding a new dimension to our biological knowledge..."

One wonders, did Berkner write these words, knowing that a small group in our government knew of "a completely foreign biology" from the wreckage of crashed craft?

Field Investigator Update: Sept./Oct. 2002 By Craig R. Lang - MN MUFON FI Coordinator

In recent months, we have again been reading about a surge of sighting reports from around the country. In Minnesota we have begun to get echoes of this in the form of reports to the website, phone calls from witnesses, and through the informal grape vine. As usual, these are a mix of both new and old reports. Many are useful and reliable, allowing investigative follow-up. We will have more to describe as investigators begin to look into these cases. Please stay tuned to the Minnesota MUFON website (www.mnmufon.org), and keep watching this column as investigations of new sighting reports begin to take shape.

This month, Casey Holt brings us a report of a live-event, in which he and a number of other folks in Wisconsin observed some very interesting 'night lights'. These have been part of an on-going series

of sightings in the southern Wisconsin area. Casey writes the following about this interesting event.

DUNDEE - Six glowing amber spheres lit up the night sky. I was there and saw the whole thing and have the lights on video tape that I showed to my friend yesterday.

For some reason I had a feeling that I should go there and was able to go at the last minute from here in Minneapolis. The first 6 lights were impressive right away as I saw them come over the area like orange plasma balls or ships the color of a campfire. I wondered if it could have been some kind of flares dropped and drifting in the wind and finally burning out or falling behind the hills. The movement was more like they were under some power and being guided though. Then some flashed rapidly and really bright like a strobe light and finally went out or dropped too low to see. I called these 6 lights the "Plasma Ships".

Then a few minutes later we noticed a bright greenish white light coming rapidly from the south which I thought were even more interesting. As it got closer you could see 3 separate lights and were together like being connected by a force field. Green on top, white on the bottom and dull red in the middle that was bobbing back and forth between the other two.

I called this kind the "Force Connector Ships" because they acted like being connected by the force field. I zoomed in my camera and could see the center red light was almost like it was attached to the other 2 with a rubber band and moving like in a programmed pattern. The way they moved together was really neat. Unfortunately my camera wasn't recording when I thought it was then so I didn't get that on tape. I got a copy from someone else though so you can see it pretty good from their video.

As they went almost right overhead I knew it must be some kind of weird technology that was doing this. The rain at the time made it less than optimal for viewers but it was still nice to see these things as they seemed to put on a show for us. What they were I don't know but they were quite something for sure. Looking at the video again showed that one of the bright flashing lights was flashing at about 3-1/2 hertz.

Casey then added a second write-up with some more observations.

What I thought when I first saw the 6 objects was that they acted like they were under controlled flight rather than drifting in the wind or something. The motion was very smooth and steady, not like it was bobbing around in the air currents. I also could tell that they had some size rather than a point of light and were also fairly bright orange perhaps like an object surrounded by a glowing energy field or plasma. I didn't see any smoke that might come from a flair or something but that might be hard to see anyways. When I saw some flairs at area 51 a few years ago during some exercises they didn't last very long maybe 5 to 10 seconds and always fell toward the ground without rising. It looked like some of the 6 lights in Dundee went a little bit upward at times.

Perhaps the size might be estimated by using the time when I zoomed in all the way with my camera and comparing that to zooming in on something of a known size and distance. Then the size would be a function of distance so we might get an idea like if it was 2 miles away that would be 20 feet or something. Then the speed might be estimated also by how fast it moved over the background. Maybe Jeff would be able to do some calculations like that too.

The way they disappeared seemed a little suspicious in a way like some of them kind of burned out or drifted behind the hill after losing power. If those were actually moving away they could look like they fell too though. I don't know what to think about the flashing that some were doing but it was fairly intense like a strobe light directed our way or else a big increase in brightness if it wasn't directed. The flash frequency would be good to measure by stepping the video frame by frame to see if it was a constant frequency like always so many frames between flashes.

The second group of three objects was also interesting. They were moving much faster and the way they were changing their relative positions was weird. The 3 lights could have been like on a rotating triangle or else in a formation that was shifting back and forth. I don't have any definite conclusions at this point.

In addition, two reports have been completed and filed in the MUFON database. They can also be found on the 'Anomalies' section of www.craigrlang.com. Both sightings have been described in detail in previous issues of this newsletter, so we'll keep it brief, here:

Wright County, MN Close Encounter Sighting:
Worldwide UFO Database Entry# 1-962-MN

(<http://www.craigrlang.com/Hwy12Rpt.htm>)

This sighting occurred to four witnesses in their car driving west on a busy highway in central Minnesota. Several objects were seen by these and many other witnesses on the road that evening. According to our witnesses, many motorists pulled their cars off the road in order to observe the objects. [Note: There are possible new and interesting developments in this case, so stay tuned.]

Plymouth, MN Triangle Sighting: Worldwide UFO Database Entry# 1-851-MN

(http://www.craigrlang.com/pl_triangle.htm)

One of many triangle flyovers observed by witnesses over the last few years: This big, slow object was seen by a single witness in the late evening hours, passing at treetop level over her house. Like many other triangle sightings, the object was clearly visible, and passed over populated areas, and well-traveled roads. Thus, it should have been clearly visible to many other witnesses.

In Casey's account, the lights were seen by many observers. However, in both of these other sighting cases, few if any other witnesses have come forward.

We can only wonder how many others out there may have seen these spectacular events. If so, I invite you to please contact us. If you have any further updates on events discussed in this column, or know of any information that might bring to light other sightings or encounters, please contact Minnesota MUFON through our website: www.visi.com/~jhenry, or contact Craig Lang: (phone: 763-560-1532, www.craigrlang.com) e-mail: crlang@craigrlang.com). Also, please stay tuned to this column in each newsletter as we discuss more local and regional sighting cases.

With each event, the opportunity to become involved in UFO studies continues to expand. For those wishing to become a field investigator themselves, classes are conducted as sufficient interest is indicated. We try to hold classes approximately three times per year, and hope to hold the next one this fall. If you are interested,

and feel that you have the necessary time, energy, and objectivity to be a UFO investigator, please contact Craig Lang. If you have not already done so, you also will need to join MUFON as a field investigator trainee and purchase the MUFON field investigators manual.

We always need more investigators in our effort to better understand the UFO enigma, because in the study of this strange phenomenon, the only thing we know for sure is that more mystery is just around the corner.

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